

INVITED TO ASSIST

VENEZUELA COMMISSION MAKES A COURTEOUS TALK.

NO RIGHT IN DANGER

IF ONLY ENGLAND AND VENEZUELA YIELD INFORMATION.

HOW THE WORK IS APPORTIONED

PROFESSOR WHITE IS TO GET AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE.

Glman Is to Mapmaker and the Others Will Pitch in at Large—Preparing for Steady Business.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Venezuela commission has invited the governments of Great Britain and Venezuela to submit to it all of the evidence in their possession to further the work of the commission, and to be represented before it by attorneys and all of this with the reservation that such presentation and appearance shall not be deemed an abandonment of any rights or position heretofore assumed. It has done this in order that the proceedings of the commission may not be said to be ex parte, that the truth may appear, and that time may be saved in the inquiry with which the commission is charged. The invitation goes in the shape of a letter to Secretary Olney, who has made response that he has transmitted a copy of the commission's view to the two governments concerned. These facts came out after the meeting of the commission today, although the letter was drawn up and sent to the secretary of state at its last meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 15.

LETTER TO OLNEY.

The full text of the letter is as follows: "Office of the Venezuelan Boundary Commission, Washington, D. C., January 15, 1896.

"Dear Sir:—I have the honor to state that the commission appointed by the president of the United States to investigate the report upon the true division of line between the Republic of Venezuela and British Guiana, has organized by the election of Hon. David J. Brewer as its president, and is entering upon the immediate discharge of its duties.

"In so doing it has, after careful consideration, concluded to address you on the question of securing, so far as possible, the friendly co-operation and aid of the two nations directly interested in the now pending boundary differences.

"It must have suggested itself to you, as it does not to the president, that this commission, authorized to appoint and report the boundary line between two foreign nations, bears only a remote resemblance to those tribunals of international character, which we have had several examples in the past. They were constituted by or with the consent of the disputants themselves and were authorized by the parties immediately concerned to appoint a joint commission and negotiate with that end in view. A cabinet from Colombia Chamberlain stating that Sir Julian Pauncefote, English ambassador to the United States, had been authorized to sign a convention for the appointment of a commission.

Secretary Chamberlain intimates that the president of the Swiss republic may be asked to act as arbitrator, and to umpire to decide any points on which the commission may disagree.

This government has replied that the appointment of an umpire in the manner suggested is not satisfactory to the Canadian government.

London, Jan. 21.—The Chronicle in an editorial rejoices over the news of the signing of the Bering Sea boundary, as an event of happy omen, proving that reason still sways the Anglo-American relations. It asks why the Venezuelan question cannot be treated similarly, and says:

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

THAT IS THE QUESTION ON READING CUBAN DISPATCHES.

Whether or No England Dare Buy Cuba and Whether or No There'll be War, if She Has—Former Question Answered Pretty Decidedly in the Negative. The Latter, With Great Positiveness, Affirmatively—Governors of States Intervened by Wire—Campos Leaves Havana for Spain.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20.—The Republic this morning, summarizing the dispatches from Florida, New York and Washington, says:

"A crisis has been reached in the Cuban war. Recognition of the belligerent status of the patriot army by the United States is imminent. President Cleveland is said to have prepared a proclamation which may be issued today or in the immediate future. The president, it is declared, intended to recognize the insurgents last week, when he learned of the recall of Marshal Campos but, under the circumstances, the executive thought the action of such a nature would be regarded as unpardonable and unfriendly to Spain, and he therefore withheld the important document, pending the appointment of a successor to Campos.

Within the past forty-eight hours, however, President Cleveland is said to have learned that Spain, despairing of the success of her military operations, had offered to sell Cuba to Great Britain. Rumors to this effect circulated in the east last night, and spread like wildfire. The belief is held in some quarters that the flying squadron of Great Britain is destined for service in American waters. If this is so, war will result. The president is said to have been reluctant to issue the proclamation immediately. Authorities agree that the action of the president should be taken in the light of the fact that Great Britain would be resisted by the United States to the last ditch. Official information from the white house is lacking, but it is known that the president will support the president heartily.

Cleveland hesitated to take the important step while the official head of the revolution was calling for the protection of American citizenship. Secretary Olney has not felt so much embarrassed from this cause. He has been so long in favor of immediate recognition, and has been urging it, president on, but Cleveland, being naturally cautious, moved with great care. He has been so long in favor of immediate recognition, and has been urging it, president on, but Cleveland, being naturally cautious, moved with great care.

At 3 o'clock he proceeded to the wharf surrounded by a vast crowd which filled through Obispo, Barranquilla and O'Reilly harbor. A large number of sailors, and the Spanish national hymn was taken up by the multitude who varied it with acclamations for Campos.

The general went on board a yacht which took him to the Spanish warship Alfonso Dore, lying in the harbor. The harbor presented a scene of great animation, being crowded with all manner of craft with gay colors flying. The yellow flag of Spain giving the predominant tinge.

General Martin and the five members of his family were on one of the yachts which escorted the Alfonso Dore down the harbor. The yachts were black with people as the war vessel floated past and all shouted vivas for Campos. The general's sons, his aides, chief of staff and other officers were on board. A large number of sailors, and the Spanish national hymn was taken up by the multitude who varied it with acclamations for Campos.

A battle of importance is reported to have occurred at Fairones, five miles south of Pinar del Rio. The column of the rebels, commanded by Major Sanchez, numbered about 1,000 men. They were defeated by 2,000 insurgents under Maximo, lieutenant Colonel San Martin, at the head of the rebel forces. The rebels were forced to retreat, leaving 20 killed and carrying off 200 prisoners. The rebels were forced to retreat, leaving 20 killed and carrying off 200 prisoners.

It is known that Maximo Gomez and his forces were this afternoon at San Juan de los Rios, at the mouth of the Havana province. So it is evident that he has made another of his characteristic counter-marches. This is said to have been made in the hope of an engagement yesterday morning between Colonel Molina and the bands of Nunez and others.

Madrid, Jan. 20.—The statement regarding the looting of the armory of the state militia, which was published in the foundation whatever. A large hardware store was burglarized last week and some arms were stolen. The burglary is not credited to friends of the insurgents.

JUST TO SHOW FRIENDS READING Intimation That That's All England Means the Flying Squadron.

New York, Jan. 20.—A dispatch to the World from London says: Whatever may be the sensational reports in America about the destination of the flying squadron, the fact is that the British fleet is not intended to carry out the edict of deportation, and is believed to be once again on the way to the West Indies. This afternoon the Dispatch received a dispatch from Secretary Olney at Washington announcing the receipt of a message from Consul General Williams stating that Soel was escaped and was supposed to have returned to the insurgent lines.

Advices from Havana state that the military authorities there were greatly incensed at the escape of Soel and made every effort to prevent further information of the deed of daring in leaving Havana. A brief message from another correspondent was slipped over to London and telegraphed from there, reaching Pittsburg Sunday night.

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BAYARD BEGS OUT

LETTERS TO OLNEY, EXPLAINING HIS TWO SPEECHES.

Placed before the Edinburgh Speech was Delivered Before a Literary Body and That Its Scientific Intent Should Neutralize its Political—Boston Speech Was Unpremeditated, OF-Hand, Post-Prandial and He Didn't Know, That Was a Reporter There to Catch Him at It—Besides, Some of it Was Latin.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president has sent to the house his reply to the resolution calling on him for information as to what he has done about the matter of the speeches delivered by Ambassador Bayard. He transmits copies of the two speeches in full and also copies of letters from Bayard, explanatory of them. No action has been taken by the president on the speeches, except to notify Bayard of the action of the house.

This correspondence begins with the following letter from Mr. Bayard to Secretary Olney, dated London, December 12, last:

"Observing the proceedings, as reported by the press, in the public newspapers of this country, of the United States house of representatives, in relation to a paper read by me, on the evening of the 7th ultimo, before the Philosophical Institution of Edinburgh, I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your inspection, a printed copy of the address in question.

"In the absence of precise information of the text of the resolution said to have been adopted by the house, and not proposing to anticipate the action of either or both houses of congress, I observed that, in the course of the discussion, reference was made to the personal instructions of the department of state to the diplomatic officers of the United States—I respectfully advise to Article VII, and its subsequent sections in order that your attention may be drawn to the fact that the address in question was delivered before an institution purely literary and scientific in its character, and wholly unconnected with political parties—which had honored two of my official predecessors with similar invitations, which in both cases had been accepted; subjects political in their nature, and, in the case of the Edinburgh address, having been respectfully selected and treated with distinguished ability.

"No political canvass was pending or proposed upon government subjects, my address was made—and no interference or participation in local or party political concerns in this country was therefore possible.

"The address consisted of my personal opinions upon government subjects, and in general—the moral forces and tendencies which underlie them—and the governmental policies which assist in the conversion of the freedom of the individual as a citizen into the interior of human progress—and of the permanence of civilization.

"The judgments so delivered were formed by me after careful deliberation and, in their presentation, sundry historical facts and arguments tending to sustain them were advanced.

"When the congress shall have concluded its action on the subject, it is possible that I may desire to submit a further statement—but, meanwhile, I consider it proper to place before you the address itself in full, and the facts connected with its delivery.

"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

(Signed) "F. BAYARD."

"I, S. I find upon reading over this letter that Mr. Bayard's address, 'Democracy,' was delivered by him before the 'Midland Institute' at Birmingham, an association similar in its character and purpose to the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

THE BOSTON SPEECH.

January 3, Secretary Olney cabled Mr. Bayard for details as to the Boston speech, and January 4, the ambassador replied in a letter in which, after promising to forward the newspaper report of the speech, and describing the high character of the Boston school, he says:

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